

II MEF MOTORCYCLE CLUBS



14th EXECUTIVE SAFETY BOARD

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Situation

The growing ownership of motorcycles by young warriors returning from OIF/OEF has resulted in increased motorcycle mishap frequency.

- Since 1 Oct, 05 - II MEF has suffered **three deaths** (Class A) and a leg amputation (Class B) due to motorcycle crashes
 - Numerous motorcycle mishaps of lesser severity

Tactics for mishap trend reversal and methods to ensure that inexperienced riders receive mentoring in proper/safe riding behaviors were

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Situation (Cont)

Common Contributing Factors

- **Speeding** – Often in excess of 100 mph
- Riders have not completed the MSF – Basic Riders Course
- Motorcycles not registered on-base
 - May indicate that the Marine is unlicensed, uninsured, or untrained.
- Marines have less than two years riding experience
 - Junior in rank – No SNCO's or Officers have been seriously injured
 - < than 25 yrs of age
- Motorcycles involved are high-performance Sport/Café bikes
 - No Harley-Davidson motorcycles have been involved in a serious crash

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Steering Committee

- Committee Chair -
LtCol Todd Schlund, CO MWHS-2
- Comprised of experienced motorcycle riders,
unit leaders, and other
SMEs
 - (e.g., Comptroller, SJA, Safety Officer)
- Make recommendations IRT commercial
motorcycle training opportunities, web site
content, motorcycle safety policies, and unit
motorcycle club administration

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Mission

“No later than 14 April 2006, II MEF establishes, operates, and maintains a motorcycle club program in order to enhance motorcycle safety throughout the MEF.”

II MEF Policy Letter 03- 06

II MEF MOTORCYCLE CLUB PROGRAM

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Execution

- **CG's Intent**
 - Capitalize on seasoned and experienced riders. Unit motorcycle clubs are designed to promote enjoyable, responsible, and mature driving behavior
 - Desired end-state: II MEF commands will have well-led, effective motorcycle club programs. Each Marine/Sailor who rides a motorcycle will participate and operate their bike in the safest possible manner

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Execution (Cont)

• **Concept of Ops**

- All Bn/Sqdrn level units will establish/maintain unit Motorcycle Clubs
- Clubs are led by experienced riders
- All Marines/sailors owning or regularly riding a motorcycle are required to participate
 - Club events held during off-duty hours are not mandatory
- “Club Presidents” are assigned in writing
- Club “charters” are developed to announce objectives, goals, and/or rules

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Execution (Cont)

- **Tasks**

- **Unit Commanders** - establish a motorcycle club NLT
14 April 06
 - Units with < 6 riders will coordinate with higher/adjacent unit for membership
- **Steering Committee** -
 - Develop Motorcycle Safety Web Site
 - Consider and evaluate commercial motorcycle safety courses for II MEF applicability

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Web Site

- Club Charter & President Appointment Letters
- Member/Rider Statements of Understanding
- Relevant training info (e.g., videos, presentations, etc.)
- Commercial Advanced Riders' Course Programs
- Medium for information sharing among the various clubs

– **<http://www.iimefpublic.usmc.mil/public/iimefpublic.nsf/sites/motorcycle>**

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MOTORCYCLE PPE

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Motorcycle PPE

Ref:COMMANDING GENERAL'S POLICY LETTER 006-06 Per the REF Marine Corps Camp Lejeunes policy on Motorcycle PPE is as follows: PPE is mandatory for all people operating or riding as a passenger on ...

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Safety Web Sites

Headquarters Marine Corps
(www.hqmc.usmc.mil/hqmcmain.nsf)
US Army Combat Readiness Center
(crc.army.mil/home/)
Motorcycle Safety Foundation (www.msf-usa.org/)
Air Force Safety Center Homepage (afsafety.af.mil/)
Motorcycle Safety Information
(www.safetycenter.navy.mil/ashore/motorvehicle/motorcycle/default.htm)

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Motorcyclists exercise abilities, learn new skills Lance Cpl. Ryan R. Jackson

by: MCAS New RiverStory Identification #: 20065475612MARINE CORPS AIR STATION NEW RIVER, N.C. (May 4, 2006) -- More than 300 Marines, Sailors and civilians gathered on runway 1/19 and taxiway Delt...

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MOTORCYCLE SAFETY FOUNDATION COURSE

What: MOTORCYCLE SAFETY FOUNDATION COURSE Who: Active Duty & Reserve Military, Civilian & NAFI motorcycle riders attached to commands onboard Camp Lejeune who require the Motorcycle Safety ...

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Execution (Cont)

- **Coordinating Instructions**
 - Monthly meetings **during duty hours**
 - Topics: safety, riding techniques, PPE , maintenance, bike selection, and insurance
 - Organized command sponsored group rides
 - Units must maintain appointment letters, membership roster, individual's statement-of-understanding, monthly event roster to include training, discussion topic or event conducted
 - Share best practices via II MEF Motorcycle web

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Other Issues

- **Commercial Training Opportunities**

- Keith Code's - California Super Bike
 - Cornering and simulation

- **Motorcycle Rodeos**

- Safety and Skills Development
 - MSF Trained Instructors
- Vendor Show Case
- Advanced Motorcycle Technologies – (e.g., bikes, brake, and suspension systems, improved PPE items)



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II MEF Battalion/Squadron Clubs

- ***MCB Camp Lejeune***

- Forty (40)

- ***MCAS New River***
30 riders

- Twelve (12)

- ***MCAS Beaufort***

- Eight (8)

- ***MCAS Cherry Point***

- Twenty-three (23)

Typical club has

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Questions?